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Our family grows with each generation

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President Carter

Dear Friends:

This edition of the *VIEW* examines the University from the perspective of family relationships and associations. While many of our students have been the first in their families to attend college, we are now seeing second and third generations of families attending Francis Marion.

But the FMU experience has always meant more than just acquiring a degree. It’s about family, connections, loyalty and a sense of community. These are the benefits that are hard to measure but they pay huge dividends - dividends that last a lifetime.

As I interact with students and alumni from across the state and beyond, I am constantly reminded of the sense of family that exists among our faculty, staff, students and graduates. I always enjoy the stories of parents, students, and alumni who are so proud that members of their families have shared the FMU experience.

There is a spirit of collegiality at FMU that is very genuine and quite unique. The relationship that exists among faculty, staff, students and alumni extends well beyond that of the campus.

As you read through the pages of this magazine, I hope that you, too, will be reminded of the connections that make Francis Marion University a truly special place.

Sincerely,

Luther F. Carter
President

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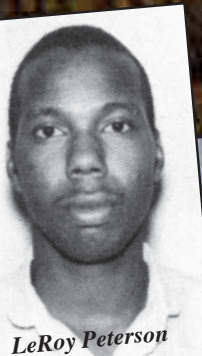
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ON THE *Cover*

As Francis Marion University continues to mature as an institution of higher education, it is building a family tradition as children and in some cases grandchildren of its first graduates attend the University building its loyal alumni base.

Building a legacy

one alumnus at a time



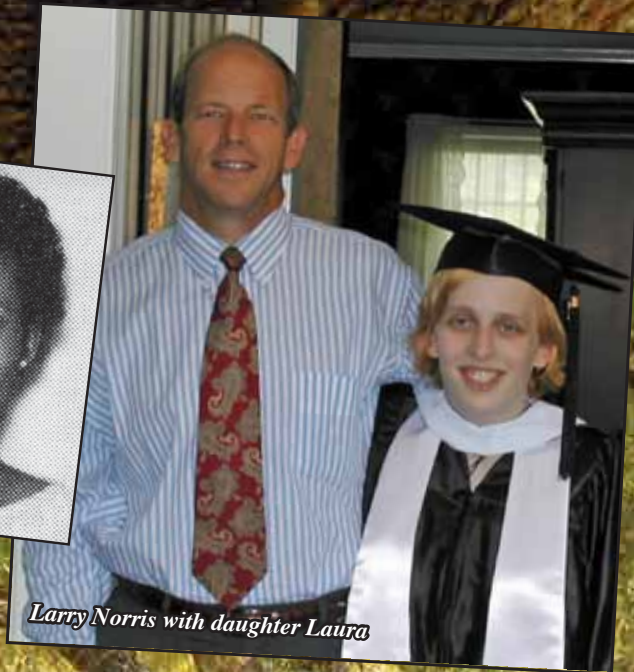
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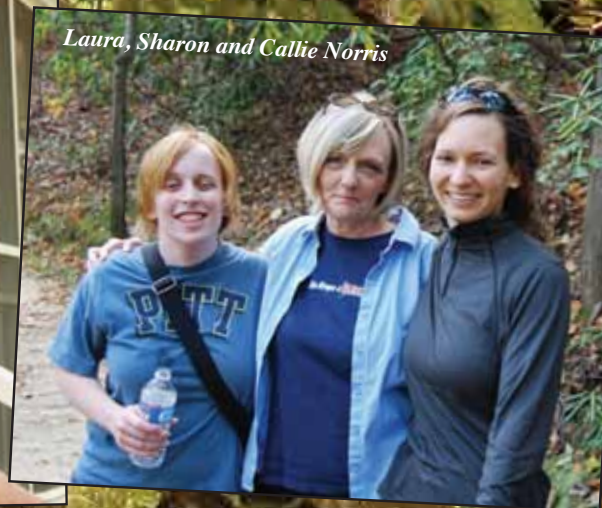
Larry Norris with daughter Laura



In foreground, Gov. McNair and Larry Norris



Callie Norris



Laura, Sharon and Callie Norris

In 1970, Francis Marion University was a young college with vast promise. The faculty was committed to the cause of providing a strong liberal arts education and the students were vibrant and optimistic. That enthusiasm has become even greater as the University legacy builds through alumni.

It begins before a student ever receives the first recruitment mailing. A prospective student is part of the FMU family almost innately. That message is the fabric of the parents, uncles, aunts and cousins who have already attended FMU and permeates communications at the University.

"The relationship between a university and its alums is a very distinct one, particularly at an institution like Francis Marion where tradition, loyalty, and life-changing experiences are owing to the student," said FMU President Luther F. Carter. "We celebrated our 40th anniversary recently, and as a result we are beginning to see an even greater family connection among our graduates – those who are biologically related and the entire Francis Marion community."

According to FMU Associate Professor of Sociology Rusty Ward, that theme of family commitment to a

university can sometimes determine its future.

"I think having a child or grandchild attend one's alma mater could reconnect the parent or grandparent to the university," Ward said. "The entire university may benefit financially through gift giving or other alumni support if students opt to follow in the same footsteps of their older generations rather than attend a different university."

The past was certainly a predictor of the Peterson family's present. Upon the graduation in three years of Kenyun W.L. Peterson, the youngest child, the family will add its sixth FMU degree.

Since patriarch LeRoy Peterson Jr. '84 and wife Regina Mullins Peterson '93 met in 1981 and graduated from FMU with chemistry degrees, three of their children and a son-in-law have all pursued their education there.

"Education has always been important to us," says LeRoy Peterson, who has served as a chemistry professor at FMU since 1990. "We especially wanted to make sure our children selected a school that lined up with their needs, aspirations and ambitions."

For LeRoy, that choice was an easy one for him and his family members to make. He and Regina say FMU was the only choice for them.

Regina recalls hailing a cab to school each day beginning in 1981 because her grandmother had no other means of transportation. When the cab didn't arrive in time for her to make it to her job at the local grocery store, her classmate and future husband LeRoy offered her a ride.

Just arriving from a stint of service in the military, LeRoy was smitten with Regina.

On July 23, 1982, the two were married. On July 5, 1983, Regina gave birth to the couple's first child, Elizabeth Peterson '07. She is now a graduate of FMU (finance) and married Frank Morton '05 who earned a degree in business administration from FMU. Finally, son Larnelle Peterson '08 graduated with a degree in chemistry.

With education a lifelong passion for the Petersons, LeRoy says the couple made every effort to incorporate education into every aspect of their lives.

That family commitment to education, specifically at FMU, can be heard from Elizabeth. "It was an easy decision for me to make. I wanted to be close to home and receive a quality education," she said. "Francis Marion wasn't my first choice. It was my only choice."

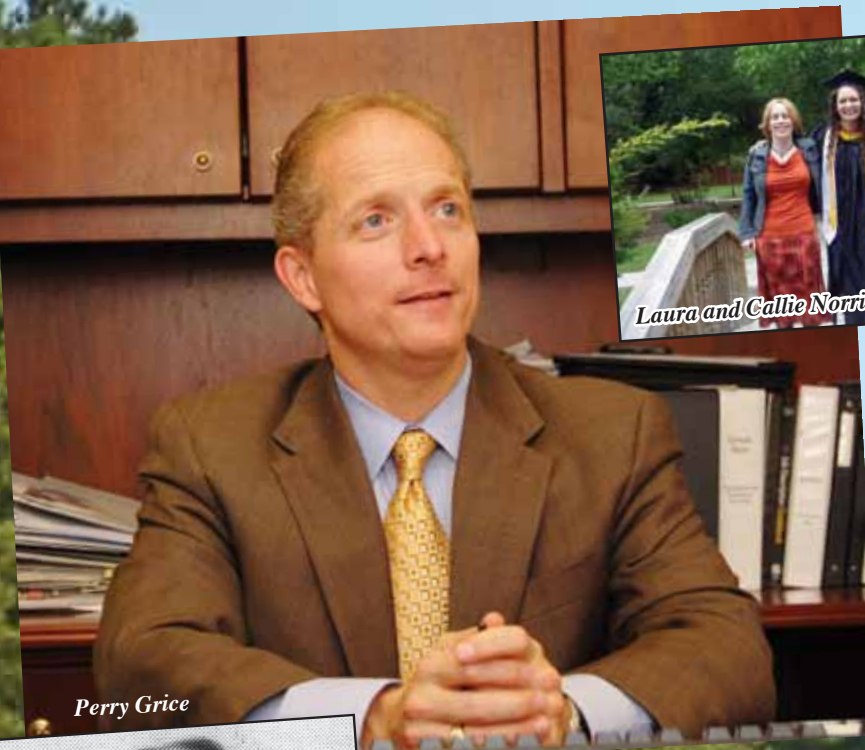
For her brother Larnelle the same holds true. His desire to play basketball for FMU coupled with his belief that the chemistry department was second to none, sealed his fate at FMU.

Whether a first generation legacy student or part of a multiple-generation extravaganza, there is a shared sense of pride and tradition at FMU among these families.

Robert E. Smith III was one of the original FMU faculty members in the chemistry department. His children: FMU Professor of Physics R. Sethfield Smith '83; daughter Sheri Strickland '78, assistant professor of chemistry at Converse College; Jonathan Smith '89, professor of political science at Presbyterian College; Heather Smith Gallman '87, pediatric physician for Piedmont Health Group; and Barney Smith who completed two years at FMU before transferring to Furman University; all attended FMU.

Smith's wife Janyce '73 earned her associate degree in nursing from FMU. The grandchildren are carrying the legacy forward by attending FMU as well.

What does this mean? According to Glen Elder, professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina



Perry Grice



Laura and Callie Norris



Callie Norris with Dr. Kirk Dineley



Sharon Norris

– Chapel Hill, the children who make the choice to attend the university their parents attended most likely have parents who are dedicated members of the alumni society and have visited the university frequently.

“Both generations have very positive memories of life on the university campus. When the children attend and later on their children as well, we have the beginning of a family tradition that links family and university,” Elder said. “Traditions of this kind represent a type of citizen pillars of the university.”

The Grice family of Marion said they would never have guessed that one day their familial ties to the University would number so many. Perry Grice ’88 and wife Karen Jones Grice ’88; sister Kim Grice Davis ’86; cousins Julie ’95 and husband Calvin Chandler ’94; cousin Shamra Skipper ’94; cousins Mark ’92 and Wendy Lane ’92; and a slew of cousins, nieces and nephews all graduated from FMU. So many have attended FMU, the Grices can hold its own alumni meeting at gatherings.

“We were just fortunate to have a university in our back door that provided quality programs for our family,” said Perry. “Learning was not just for the children, but the total family. A Francis Marion education provided us more perspectives and opportunities.”

When she graduated high school Sharon Norris ’85 married and began her career at an accounting firm in Charleston. When husband Larry ’78 decided to return to college full-time, the couple moved back home to Florence. Sharon again found work in the accounting field, which she enjoyed. Soon after, she began taking classes toward earning a business degree at Francis Marion College. Progress was sporadic. Her first child, Laura ’04, was born in 1982.

“I made my first ‘B’ that spring semester due to morning sickness,” she laughs. Her second daughter, Callie ’07, came along in 1984. Both children graduated from FMU.

“I never stopped working,” Norris reports. “I knew what I wanted to do and I wanted a degree to go with it.”

Her support system included her husband, her boss, and a special professor at FMU. “Dr. Morgan Coker was my motivator,” remembers Norris. “He was very concerned when I dropped out (to have children). He wanted me to go full-time.”

Although almost a decade passed between her first college classes and receiving her degree, time did not dim her diploma’s luster. Norris graduated magna cum laude, sweeping both of the college’s accounting awards that year.

In a banner year of outstanding achievements in 2007, daughter Callie received a bachelor’s in biology. Not only was she a recipient of the William H. Blackwell Award, the highest academic honor given by the University, but she also received the Duane P. Myers Honors Award, the Scholastic Achievement Award, the FMU Biology Award and Pride of the Patriot Award.

Her accomplishments are equally as impressive as the fact that Norris is a third-generation FMU graduate. Multiple family members have graduated from the University in addition to her mother, father, sister, and her grandmother (Shirley Corbett, ’78, ’82).

“I feel a sense of ownership at Francis Marion having so many people you know and love having attended here,” Callie Norris said.

The legacy of FMU rests on the connections of these families, according to Martin Nathan, professor of sociology at the University of South Carolina.

“When you have multiple generations of families attending a university for the first time, it shows that the families are committed to the university,” Nathan said. “This shows that the university has more of a cohesive spirit and is more able to engage alumni.”



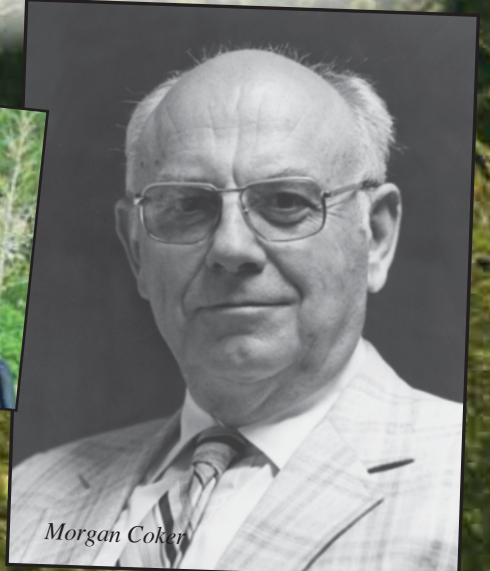
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Shirley Corbett stands between the Davises.



Frank Morton and wife Elizabeth Peterson Morton



Morgan Coker



Peterson family

Trustees approve \$47.5 million budget

The FMU Board of Trustees adopted a \$47.5 million operating budget for the University's 2010-2011 fiscal year during its June meeting that included a tuition increase of 6.5 percent per semester.

The tuition increase will yield \$1.7 million in new revenues.

State appropriations were reduced by \$5.5 million in 2008-2009 and nearly \$1.3 million in 2009-2010. They are scheduled to be reduced by an additional \$2.8 million for 2010-2011, resulting in a 44 percent decline (\$8.3 million) overall.

"Families across this state continue to struggle with the negative effects of a stagnant economy. Accordingly, we have trimmed the University's operating budgets and kept our tuition rate as low as possible," said FMU President Luther F. Carter.

FMU's approximately \$47.5 million projected budget includes a base state appropriation of \$10.6 million, \$31.9 million in student fees, \$2.2 million in other revenue, and \$2.8 million in non-recurring stimulus revenue. The largest part of the budget goes for personnel costs of \$34.8 million and \$9.9 million for

operating expenses.

In other business, the trustees approved a resolution for the conveyance of FMU Education Foundation property and one changing the FMU mission statement.

Trustees also welcomed its newest board members R. Tracy Freeman of North Augusta and Eddie Gunn of Columbia.

Freeman represents the 3rd Congressional District - Seat 5, and is the owner of Freeman Builders in North Augusta.

Gunn, represents the 2nd Congressional District - Seat 3, and is chief of staff of the S.C. Budget and Control Board. He was appointed to this position in February 2007, and it is one he had held on an interim basis since November 2006.

Six incumbents were re-elected: H. Randall Dozier (1st Congressional District, Seat 1), L. Franklin Elmore (4th Congressional District, Seat 7), W.C. Stanton (5th Congressional District, Seat 9), Jim Brown (6th Congressional District, Seat 11), Robert E. Lee (At-Large Position, Seat 13) and Kenneth W. Jackson (At-Large Position, Seat 15).



NESA receives \$50,000 USDA grant

The US Department of Agriculture's Rural Development State Director Vernita F. Dore recently announced that the North Eastern Strategic Alliance Inc. (NESA) received a \$50,000 grant.

The grant is one of 27 awarded across the nation and one of five regional grants highlighted. Funding is made available through USDA Rural Development assistance under the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program.

NESA will use these funds to develop a strategic plan and feasibility study for the recruitment of value-added processors and agribusiness. NESA is a well-established regional economic development alliance representing nine counties in northeastern South Carolina. Of those counties, Dillon, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg are designated as Persistent Poverty counties. The strategic plan made possible through the RBOG will assist NESA as it seeks to further the agribusiness economy in this region. The NESA region is a prime location for the agribusiness industry given its vast agricultural production capacity and strong history of agricultural excellence.

Dore said, "These funds will be used efficiently to establish a foundation to create jobs and support small businesses in agriculture. This in turn will increase sustainability in the region."

NESA's primary objective is to significantly enhance the quality of life for residents of the region by creating additional jobs and capital investment within the existing industry base, recruiting new companies and expanding tourism-related development. The alliance is a public-private partnership supported in part by funding from each of the nine counties it serves as well as private sector supporters.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Rural Development promotes economic development by providing loan and grant programs to finance and foster growth in business development, homeownership, and critical community and technology infrastructure.



Zhang and Peters

FMU and the Lake City Partnership Council offer business course

There is no substitute for the knowledge entrepreneurs gain in the competitive trenches of starting and operating their own business. However, there are instances in which a return to the classroom is the best – if not the only – way to get ahead.

Francis Marion University and the Lake City Partnership Council have brought the classroom to the business community of Lake City at no cost to participants.

FMU and the Council are offering the Lake City Small Business Class, which is designed to accelerate the successful startup and expansion of existing businesses. Participants can complete a business plan and gain an understanding of the planning and marketing efforts needed not only to survive, expand, and diversify, but also to obtain additional funding for their business operations.

"We see FMU as an ideal education partner not only in increasing educational attainment, but also in promoting economic development opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for Lake City residents," said Sue-Ann Gerald Shannon, director of research for the Palmetto Institute. "We view this opportunity as a means to increasing the economic competitiveness for the greater Lake City community."

Susan Peters, Ph.D., director of the FMU Center for Entrepreneurship, teaches the classes. Brianna Zhang, manager of the FMU Small Business Institute, assists.

Business owners or potential business owners with a minimum of a high school education or equivalent are eligible to participate.

Contact Peters at speters@fmarion.edu or by calling (843) 661-1102 for an application or additional information.

U.S. News & World Report ranks FMU among the best of the South's regional universities

Francis Marion University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the South's best regional universities earning it a spot in the 2011 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News* Media Group.

For more than a decade, *U.S. News & World Report* has consistently ranked FMU among the South's best universities.

"It is an honor to be selected as one of America's Best Colleges in the 2011 edition of the *U.S. News & World Report*," said FMU President Luther F. Carter. "This ranking reflects our continued commitment to scholarship and teaching and is a reflection of the quality of our students and distinguished faculty."

Changes in the ranking methodology this year have resulted in new category names for Best Colleges 2011. Schools are designated National Universities, National Liberal Arts Colleges (formerly Liberal Arts Colleges), Regional Universities

(formerly Universities-Master's), and Regional Colleges (formerly Baccalaureate Colleges).

As a regional university, FMU is listed among schools that provide a full range of undergraduate majors and master's programs. The 572 universities in this category are ranked against members of their peer group in one of four geographic regions—North, South, Midwest, and West—because, in general, they tend to draw students most heavily from surrounding states.

U.S. News categorizes colleges and universities primarily by mission and in some cases, region, using data in 15 indicators of academic excellence. The indicators used to capture academic quality fall into six categories: academic reputation through peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. The ranking formula gives greatest weight to academic reputation.

FMU prepares for

By TRACI BRIDGES

Life after 40



FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY celebrated its 40th anniversary last summer.

And so far, 40 is looking like the new 20 for Francis Marion.

The University is financially sound despite the poor economy of recent years, enrollment is up and there are many projects and advancements on the horizon as the University moves into “life after 40,” President Fred Carter told the FMU Board of Trustees during its quarterly meeting.

“We’ve taken stock of a few things within the institution, and we’re looking at and developing some of those things,” Carter said. “Cosmetically, we’re making a little nip here, a little tuck there.”

Those nips and tucks include the construction of a new office services building, the renovation of Ervin Dining Hall and the completion of Smith Center University renovations. FMU’s men and women’s basketball teams play at the Smith Center, and graduation ceremonies are conducted there, as well.

The renovations at the Smith Center include new seats on the student side, improvements to the women and men’s locker rooms and a new HVAC system.

The \$1.5 million dining hall renovation project also will get under way soon.

“It’s time for us to get in there and renovate the Ervin dining facility,” Carter said. “These renovations will turn the dining hall into a truly contemporary collegiate dining facility with many, many dining options for students.”

In addition to renovations, the University has two huge new facilities projects in the works: the performing arts center and a new athletic complex.

FMU will pull the curtain on a new performing arts center next year. The \$34 million center is located in the heart of downtown Florence and represents the culmination of five years of collaborative effort, Carter said.

The 68,000 square-foot facility will feature three performance venues: a 900 seat multipurpose hall, a black box theater seating 100 and an outdoor amphitheater that can accommodate 500 people. The main theater will be supplemented by a full orchestra pit that can hold 80 people with instruments, and a 78 foot fly tower containing the rigging for productions. Construction started last spring; the building is scheduled to be completed by spring 2011.

“This performing arts center is something not just the people of this county can embrace but a facility the entire region can embrace,” Carter said, “because it does belong to the entire Pee Dee, not just Florence.”

A request for bid proposals will go out this month for the new athletic complex. The new facility will be situated on 100 acres and will consist of baseball, softball and soccer fields as well as track and field components. Construction will be completed in increments and funded through private donations, bonds and student activity fees. The baseball stadium will be named for Henry Booker and Nellie Cooke Sparrow of Lake City, longtime supporters of the University.

Carter ended the recent board meeting with a testament to the University’s past and future — a special advanced screening of an unprecedented commercial endorsement of the University by two former governors and political opponents, David Beasley and Jim Hodges. The commercial is aimed at raising the University’s profile as one that provides an extraordinary educational experience.

“We are very pleased to receive the distinguished endorsement of these prestigious governors. Their public support acknowledges our continued commitment to scholarship and teaching and is a reflection of the quality of our students and distinguished faculty,” Carter said.

This story was written by Traci Bridges, digital journalist for the Morning News.

FMU, CCU, FDTC offer courses in Marion

The presidents of Francis Marion University (FMU), Coastal Carolina University (CCU) and Florence Darlington Technical College (FDTC) signed an agreement launching a new educational partnership to offer courses in Marion.

The FMU Continuing Education Program, in cooperation with CCU and FDTC will offer courses beginning in spring at the Swamp Fox Higher Education Center in Marion.

The signing ceremony included remarks by Marion Mayor Rodney Berry and Sen. Kent Williams, District 30 (Marion, Dillon, Florence and Marlboro counties). Among those in attendance were FMU President Luther F. Carter, CCU President David A. DeCenzo, FDTC President Charlie Gould and FMU Continuing Education Program Coordinator Suzan Orrico.

Spring offerings will include:

R.N. – B.S.N. Degree Program - This program is for registered nurses who are seeking a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree. The curriculum is designed to assist in gaining new knowledge regarding roles and responsibilities



Signing ceremony: DeCenzo, Carter, Gould, State Board of Education member Michael Blue and Berry.

of the professional nurse in a rapidly changing health care environment. Time and distance are barriers FMU is eliminating by offering this program where nurses work and live. The classes will be held one night a week, and the students have the potential to graduate from the program within one year.

Business 150, Fundamentals of Business - This three credit hour class will introduce the fundamental functions and activities of modern business organizations. Topics include:

marketing, management, finance, legal issues and business ethics, among others. Offered once a week for an entire semester, it will be available to high school graduates, adults and as dual credit for high school students.

Entrepreneurship Training for Unemployed Adults

- FMU is partnering with YEScarolina to offer 36 hours of entrepreneurship training to those seeking employment free of charge. Space is limited.

Call Orrico at FMU’s Office of Continuing Education, 843-661-1283 or email her at sorrico@fmarion.edu for information.

ARCH program holds forum

FMU’s Advancing Rural Community Health (ARCH) program, in its mission to provide a variety of health awareness services to the Pee Dee region, partnered with the Eat Smart, Move More (ESMM) South Carolina Coalition and the South Carolina Public Health Institute (SCPHI) to convene a home and community gardening forum.

Participants learned how to organize and develop a community garden for a neighborhood, school, or organization from Carrie Draper, a health care organizer for South Carolina

Fair Share. Draper is coauthor of the article “Community Gardening in the United States,” which is a review and analysis of the benefits, purposes and motivations associated with community gardening in the United States.

The ARCH program was established to provide a variety of health awareness services in rural communities including health screenings, health awareness seminars and lifestyle education programs.

SCRA honors Carter with award

FMU President Luther F. Carter was presented the Knowledge Economist Award by South Carolina Research Authority (SCRA) CEO Bill Mahoney.

The SCRA Knowledge Economist Award recognizes outstanding citizens who have made significant contributions to South Carolina’s knowledge economy, where the value of the mind shapes the successful profile of progress and great prospects for the future, Mahoney said.

“We are so pleased to have the opportunity to recognize Dr. Carter for his leadership and constant efforts to improve the lives of South Carolinians and the knowledge economy,” said Mahoney. “This region has wonderful partners and resources that will help to strengthen South Carolina’s knowledge economy.

The joint efforts of private industry, government, economic development, education, and research are all a part of building the knowledge economy.”

Carter received the award during a S.C. Launch Program “big check” event at the Southeastern Institute for Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT) hosted by SCRA and Florence County Economic Development Partnership.

Carter has served in many roles that have all contributed to the knowledge economy of South Carolina. He currently serves as the president of FMU. The University is a vital resource in the region, offering curricula in 49 academic disciplines and programs to more than 4,000 students.

Performing Arts Center Construction near completion

Construction on the \$34 million Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center is expected to be complete by the spring of 2011. Plans are for the center to launch its first season in the fall of 2011. You can follow the construction process and keep up with plans for the new season at the center's website www.fmupac.com.



FMU announces new faculty members



Anaza

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced the addition of new faculty members for the 2010-2011 school year.

Nwamaka (Amaka) Anaza of West Lafayette, Ind., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of marketing. She earned the B.S. degree in paralegal studies and the M.B.A. degree from Southern Illinois University. She earned the Ph.D. degree in consumer behavior from Purdue University.



Boyle

Kirk Boyle of Cincinnati, Ohio, has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of English. He earned the B.A. degree in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English and comparative literature from the University of Cincinnati.



Buck

Julian M. Buck of Eugene, Ore., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of mathematics. He earned the B.S. degree in mathematics from the University of Northern British Columbia, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from the University of Oregon.



Clemons

Amy L. Clemons of Lafayette, Ind., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of English. She earned the B.A. degree in English from Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio, the M.A. degree in English from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., and the Ph.D. degree in English from Purdue University.



Gelb

Gregg W. Gelb of Sanford, N.C., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of music-instrumental. He earned the B.M. degree from Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass., the M.M. degree in saxophone performance from the North Carolina School of the Arts, and the D.M.A. degree in saxophone performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



Horney

Katie E. Horney of Greensboro, N.C., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of costume design. She earned the B.A. degree in theatre arts from High Point University, and the M.F.A. degree in costume and scenic design from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



McGill

Margaret A. McGill of Kingstree has joined the faculty as an instructor of English. She earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in English literature from Clemson University.

Natalie Smith Mahaffey of Central has joined the faculty as an instructor of English. She earned the B.A. degree in English from Francis Marion University and the M.A. degree in English from Clemson University.



Mahaffey

M. Annie Muller of Florence has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of nursing. She earned the B.S. and M.S. degrees in nursing from California State University. She earned the Ph.D. degree in clinical nursing from Rush University in Chicago, Ill.



Muller

Suzan Orrico (not pictured) recently joined the university staff as coordinator of the FMU Continuing Education Program. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Southern Maine and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of New England. While in Florence she's worked as a paralegal for McLain & Lee Law Firm and the director of development for Trinity Collegiate School.



Serrano

Jan M. Serrano of Garrison, Texas, has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of finance. She earned the B.B.A. and the M.B.A. degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University. She earned the Ph.D. degree from Virginia Tech.



Steinmetz

Jeffrey A. Steinmetz of Florence has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of biology. He earned the B.S. in biology and English from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., and the Ph.D. in biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Strickland

June S. Strickland of Latta has joined the faculty as an instructor of education. She earned the B.A. degree in English from Pembroke State University, and the M.Ed. degree from the University of South Carolina.

Pamela P. Turner of Florence has joined the faculty as an instructor of accounting. She earned the B.B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina – Coastal Carolina College and the M.B.A. degree from Francis Marion University.



Turner

Ruth A. Wittmann-Price of Florence has joined the faculty as the chair of the Department of Nursing and professor of nursing. She earned the A.A.S. and the B.S.N. degrees from Felician College in Lodi, N.J. She earned the M.S. degree from Columbia University in NYC and the Ph.D. degree from Widener University in Chester, Pa.



Wittmann-Price

Jokisch receives national physics award

Francis Marion University Professor of Physics and Astronomy Derek Jokisch received a national award at the 55th Annual Health Physics Society (HPS) Conference in Salt Lake City. Jokisch was awarded the 2010 Elda E. Anderson Award for his research contributions to the health physics community.

The HPS is a scientific and professional organization whose members specialize in occupational and environmental radiation safety. The award honors the memory of Elda E. Anderson, a pioneer in the field of health physics and a founding member of HPS. It is given to an HPS member 40 years of age or younger in recognition of excellence in research or development, discovery or invention, devotion to health physics, and/or significant contributions to the profession of health physics.

A native of Carlinville, Ill., Jokisch has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1999. Jokisch received his bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Illinois, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in health physics from the University of Florida as a Department of Energy fellow. He is certified in comprehensive practice by the American Board of Health Physics and a leader of the health physics program at FMU, which has consistently ranked as one of the top undergraduate programs in the nation.

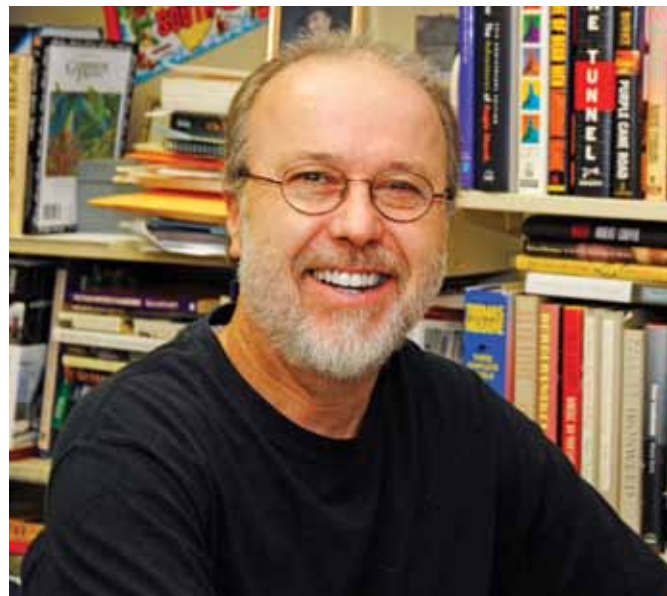
Jokisch helps coordinate internships for his students at nuclear facilities such as the Savannah River Site and nuclear power plants. He has served on the Health Physics Society Academic Education Committee as a member, cochair, and chair. He has collaborated with the University of Nevada (Las Vegas) and the University of Florida on multiple research grants, authored or coauthored 16 peer-reviewed journal articles, and serves as a corresponding member on the International Commission on Radiological Protection Committee 2 dose calculation subgroup as an expert on internal dosimetry. For his work, Jokisch received the Award for Excellence in Research at FMU in 2006.



Jokisch

In addition, he has led and participated in multiple programs that assist K-12 public school science teachers across the state of South Carolina.

Kostoff's "Late Rain" released by Tyrus Books



Kostoff

Tyrus Books recently released the novel, "Late Rain," written by Professor of English and Nellie Cooke Sparrow Chair for a Writer in Residence Lynn Kostoff. The book was released simultaneously in hardcover and paperback. In addition, Kostoff's first novel, "A Choice of Nightmares," was re-released recently in paperback by New Pulp Press, and his second novel, "The Long Fall," was translated into Italian and is selling well in Italy.

Kostoff earned the B.F.A. and M.F.A. degrees in creative writing from Bowling Green State University. Before joining the FMU faculty in 1985, the Ohio native taught at Indiana State University and the University of Alabama. He has received numerous awards and honors during his tenure at FMU and has served on a host of committees.

In the community, Kostoff consults with local schoolteachers on creative writing projects on a regular basis and makes visits to the schools to talk to the students. He hosts Advanced Placement high school students teaching them creative writing. In addition, he assists students entering the Governor's School of the Arts with preparing their portfolios.



Biology professor Peter King and students explore marshlands in search of diamondback terrapins.

Setting traps and documenting the population and diet of turtles in the tidal freshwater wetlands of Winyah Bay are some things Francis Marion University Junior Brittany Bynum and Senior John Lewis Floyd never dreamed they would do.

But well before 10 a.m. one morning, the students, along with FMU Biology Chair Peter King, exchanged the comfort of their canoe for the marshlands in search of diamondback terrapins, a species of turtle native to the brackish coastal swamps of the eastern and southern United States.

Whether students are studying the ecology of turtles or performing with a group of world-class musicians in the Province of Naples, FMU students have extensive access to experiential learning options.

Since its inception in 1970, Francis Marion University has placed a high value on a balanced theoretical and practical approach to education, including internships and research opportunities.

Continuing with this tradition, FMU is further embracing a philosophy and methodology of education, enhancing academic requirements with practice, real-life engagement, first-hand observation, and learning through discovery, according to Ken Kitts, FMU's associate provost for enrollment management.

"We support the engagement of educators with learners through the creation of direct experiences and focused reflection, preparing our students to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives in society," said Kitts. "We don't simply learn - we do."

Many students seek internships and experiential education opportunities as a practical approach to their academic majors and to have something substantive to put on their resumes. Across FMU's campus, students from all disciplines embrace such opportunities as a chance to network and make valuable

contacts – contacts that will be useful to them when they begin their job search after graduation.

Experiential education is only one example of FMU's distinctiveness. The University also boasts a number of academic programs that reinforce its reputation as regionally unique. The health physics program is the largest single producer of health physicists in the Southeast. As such, FMU is uniquely positioned to assist in meeting radiation protection workforce demands across the large spectrum of nuclear workplaces. Alumni of the program have gone on to work in a variety of health physics disciplines including nuclear power, environmental health physics, government regulation, medical health physics, consulting, military health physics and academia.

The University also recently launched a bachelor's degree program in music industry, with special emphasis on business and technology.

"Our music industry degree program is unique because it addresses all aspects of the music industry," said Kitts. "It's important for future musical professionals to have a well-rounded understanding of the business decisions that will affect their professional lives."

In addition to this unwavering commitment to academic excellence and distinctiveness, FMU enjoys a growing reputation in our

state and beyond as a university committed to affordability, accessibility, student success and service, he said.

"At Francis Marion, extraordinary opportunities are within the grasp of every student," Kitts added.

For students seeking a personalized education on a safe campus alive with diversity and culture – one where you can get the most quality for each tuition dollar spent – Francis Marion University may be just the right fit, he said.



King's research involves the unknown and declining populations of the terrapin.

Experiential learning opportunities abound at Francis Marion

FMU receives nearly \$1.3 million for biomedical research

Malaiyandi and Eaton in the research lab

Francis Marion University researchers' quest to find more effective treatments for epilepsy and cancer received a boost with a \$1.296 million award over five years from the National Center for Research Resources to support biomedical research by faculty and students.

The collaborations between two groups of researchers below provide the basis for exciting scientific achievements in control of tumor growth and understanding mechanisms of temporal lobe epilepsy.

Cancer:

- FMU Assistant Professor of Biology Erin Eaton, Ph.D.
- University of South Carolina Professor of Biological Sciences David Reisman, Ph.D.

Epilepsy:

- FMU Assistant Professor of Biology Latha Malaiyandi, Ph.D.
- FMU Associate Professor of Biology Kirk Dineley, Ph.D.
- Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, Physiology & Neuroscience, USC School of Medicine David Mott, Ph.D.

"This is yet another accolade for one of the finest faculties in the state," said FMU President Luther F. Carter. "Our biologists will be conducting essential biomedical research and further enhancing the education of our students in the process – an ideal integration of research and teaching."

The award will fund the Biomedical Research Enhancement program at FMU enabling South Carolina researchers to continue working to find cures for diseases that affect our world and providing research opportunities for undergraduates to experience the art of scientific discovery under the close direction of faculty researchers.

"This gives us the chance to expose more students to biomedical research," Eaton said. "The funding also allows us to

travel to national scientific meetings to explore the research of others as it relates to cancer."

Malaiyandi said this award facilitates the process of moving from "bench to bedside" or from the research scientist's lab to the hospital patient's bed.

"Through this collaboration, we are able to apply our knowledge base to clinical applications that have direct impact on human diseases, such as epilepsy," Malaiyandi added.

Lucia Pirisi-Creek, Ph.D., USC principal investigator, will direct the award. Peter King, Ph.D., chair of FMU's biology department, will serve as the grant's codirector.

The IDEA program is administered by the NIH National Center for Research Resources. EPSCoR and the NIH IDEA program are designed to expand research opportunities in states that have traditionally received less funding in federal support for university research. South Carolina INBRE is a statewide network of colleges and universities with a mission to make South Carolina researchers more successful in competing for research funding and provide opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in the exciting world of biomedical research.

Kirk E. Dineley joined FMU in 2003. He earned the B.S. degree in biology from Pennsylvania State University and the Ph.D. degree in molecular pharmacology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Erin M. Eaton joined the FMU faculty in 2006. She received the B.S. degree (cum laude) in biological sciences from the University of South Carolina, and the Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University.

Latha M. Malaiyandi came to FMU in 2006. She earned the B.A. degree in molecular and cell biology/biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and the Ph.D. degree in molecular pharmacology from the University of Pittsburgh.

HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM PUBLISH BOOK

Jeffrey Pompe, Francis Marion University Trustee Research Scholar, Nellie Cooke Sparrow Professor of Business and economics professor, and wife Kathleen, art professor at FMU, have published a book that chronicles the development of a coastal community by natural and human forces.

The book, "Altered Environments: The Outer Banks of North Carolina," is published by University of South Carolina Press. It was written by Jeffrey and the photographs were taken by Kathleen whose work has been exhibited extensively in one-person, invitational, and juried art shows throughout the country. Her work has also appeared in numerous books and journals.

In the book, the Pompes explore the complex interactions between nature and human habitation on the resilient Outer Banks of North Carolina. They also employ modern and historical photographs and maps to illustrate the geographic and ecologic changes that have taken place on the Outer Banks, evaluating efforts to preserve these lands and also meet the evolving needs of a growing population.

The Pompes examine the various forces that have created an environment so very different from the Outer Banks of only a few decades ago. The defining event in the reshaping of the islands for expanded development was the dune-construction project of the 1930s, when the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed a wall of self-sustaining dunes along 125 miles of Outer Banks' shoreline in an effort to stave off beach erosion.

While "Altered Environments: The Outer Banks of North Carolina," focuses on the Outer Banks, the narrative also considers social, environmental, and economic issues that are relevant to much of the seashore. The book is used as a case study to frame a host of environmental challenges faced along the Atlantic seaboard. The Pompes provide a valuable commentary on the historical context of these concerns and offer some insightful solutions that allow for sustainable communities.

A native of Russelton, Pa., Jeffrey Pompe joined the FMU faculty in 1988. Prior to that, he was a graduate and research assistant at Florida State University. He earned graduate and undergraduate degrees in music from Duquesne University before receiving a master's and doctorate in economics from Florida State. He is also coauthor of the book, "Environmental Conflict: In Search of Common Ground."

Kathleen Pompe received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in art from Pennsylvania State University.

Jeff Pompe in his office at FMU.



Photos by Kathy Pompe

White named chair of Department of Political Science and Geography

David White of Florence has been named chairman of the Department of Political Science and Geography at Francis Marion University.

He replaces Kevin Lasher, who served since 2004.

White is an associate professor of political science at FMU. He earned the B.A. degree in political science from Bucknell University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from the University of Arizona.

Prior to coming to FMU in 2000, White worked in the press office of two presidential candidates. He also assisted in a variety of logistical tasks for the Republican National Convention and the Republican National Committee during the '80s.

White was also a teaching assistant at the University of Arizona.

His research interests include: American politics (Congress, the presidency, political parties, campaigns and elections and voting behavior); public policy (environment, public lands and natural resources); and comparative politics (U.S. Mexico border region).

White is a member of several University committees and has published numerous scholarly papers.



White

Faculty tenure and promotion announced

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced tenure and promotion of faculty members for the 2010-11 academic year.

Receiving promotions to professor are: Lisa A. Eargle, sociology; Thomas L. Fitzkee, mathematics; Rebecca H. Flannagan, English; David P. Franck, economics; and Derek W. Jokisch, physics.

Receiving promotions to associate professor are: Sharon Moore Askins, education; Tamatha R. Barbeau, biology; Bryan

L. Fisher, speech communication; William F. Loewenstein III, mass communication; and Mary Louise Nagata, history.

Receiving promotion to assistant professor is: Nathan Flowers, reference librarian.

Earning tenure are: Tamatha R. Barbeau, biology; William F. Loewenstein III, mass communication; and Mary Louise Nagata, history.

FMU's Zhang recognized for commitment



Zhang

Francis Marion University Manager of the Kelley Small Business Institute Brianna Zhang has been named one of the 11 "Best of the Best" Entrepreneurial Teachers for 2009-10 by Youth Entrepreneurship South Carolina (YEScarolina), an organization dedicated to teaching youth the principles of entrepreneurship and free enterprise.

The award recognizes teachers who showcase their social commitment, creativity and talent in their classrooms. Zhang became a Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Certified Entrepreneurship Teacher in 2007. Since receiving the certification, she has taught three entrepreneurship classes during the summers of 2008-2010 for middle and high school students in Florence and Marion counties.

A native of Timmonsville, Zhang received the B.S. degree in marketing in 2003 and the M.B.A. in 2007 from Francis Marion University.

YEScarolina was created to offer South Carolina educators the opportunity to utilize curriculum designed to help young people from communities statewide build skills and unlock their entrepreneurial creativity.

For more information about the entrepreneurship training program or SBI, visit <http://www.fmarion.edu/academics/sbi> or contact Zhang at (843) 661-1112, bzhang@fmarion.edu.

BRAVEBOY AND WOODBURY NAMED 2010 OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

Rusty O. Braveboy of Scranton and Benita Y. Woodbury of Latta, have been named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented July 14 during the staff awards luncheon, which also honored FMU employees for length of state service. Braveboy is a craftsman for building maintenance and Woodbury is senior administrative assistant in the Office of Student Affairs.

Braveboy has been employed at FMU for almost four years and Woodbury for 26 years. They both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service above and beyond the call of duty. FMU President Luther F. Carter presented Braveboy and Woodbury with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for employees. Marion Mayor Rodney Berry was the guest speaker.

A Dillon native, Berry graduated from Presbyterian College and served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, finishing his final year in Okinawa, Japan.

Berry is the owner of Carolina Bay Clothing Store, a men's clothier located in downtown Marion. His wife Melia owns and operates *She Magazine*. Berry serves as Mayor for the City of Marion and the Economic Development Director for Marion County.

Sharon G. Jacobs of Florence, director of telecommunications and asset management; Howard G. Lundy of Marion, administrative manager; Janet S. McLeod of Scranton, senior administrative assistant in Rogers Library; and Carlton Sellers of Effingham, assistant superintendent of grounds, were cited for 30 years of state service.

Employees honored for 20 years of service include: Bonnie B. Barr of Pamplico, lead custodian for Wallace House; Elenor C. Boardwine of Florence, custodian; Shala F. Boston of Darlington, student services counselor in the Registrar's Office; Barbara B. Frinks of Florence, senior library technical assistant of acquisitions; H. Teresa McDuffie of Florence,



From left: Woodbury, Carter and Braveboy

network switches and routers specialist; David B. Richardson of Marion, craftsman supervisor; Randolph Scott of Florence, grounds project specialist; David Short of Dillon, central receiving and warehouse specialist; and H. Richard Thomas Jr. of Florence, police officer.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: Angela H. Bessenger of Florence, administrative assistant for instructional technology and electronic media services; Shayla Campbell of Mullins, purchasing assistant; and Beverly G. Owens of Marion, administrative assistant for mass communication.

Eight employees who are retiring from FMU were also recognized – L. Allen Eaddy of Florence, senior lead custodian (31+ years); Grace C. Floyd of Florence, printing equipment operator (14 years); Barbara B. Frinks of Florence, senior library technical assistant for acquisitions (20 years); Bobbie J. Gregg of Florence, lead custodian (10 years); Elizabeth B. Jackson of Florence, senior cook (21 years); Thomas W. Lewis of Florence, craftsman supervisor/locksmith (20+ years); Otis Nichols of Darlington, craftsman/electrician (33 years); and W. Calvin Thompson of Latta, manager of material services (28 years).

FMU names new director of admissions

Perry Wilson of Darlington has been named director of admissions at Francis Marion University.

Wilson will be responsible for providing leadership in recruiting and admitting new undergraduate students to the University. Her areas of responsibility will include oversight of admission counselors, support staff operations and recruitment publications efforts.

"We are pleased to have someone with Mrs. Wilson's background and experiences undertake the responsibility of managing our admission process. She has a record of progressive knowledge and demonstrated success in higher education recruitment," said FMU Associate Provost Ken Kitts. "Her creativity, professional experience, grasp of the admission and recruitment landscape, and appreciation of the University's distinctive mission made her the ideal choice."

"I am excited about the opportunity to work with the talented staff of admission professionals at Francis Marion and look forward to spreading the good news about the University to prospective students," said Wilson.

A native of Hartsville, Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in 1978 and a master's in 1981, both from Converse College in Spartanburg.

Wilson left her post as director of admissions at Coker College to come to FMU. She worked there for nearly eight years. Prior to that, she served as director of enrollment services at Florence-Darlington Technical College for eight years and director of admissions there for 10 years.



Wilson

Library staff receives honors at S.C. Library Association's annual conference

Francis Marion University Library Acquisitions Coordinator Yvonne Davis and Circulation Manager Steven C. Sims received honors at the South Carolina Library Association's Annual Conference held in Myrtle Beach recently.

Davis was elected first vice-president of the South Carolina Library Association. She will plan the 2011 conference which will be held in Columbia. Sims was awarded the Outstanding Paraprofessional of the Year Award for his service to the profession and to FMU.

This year's theme was, "Advocacy from the Ground Up." The annual conference was the premiere continuing library education event offering dozens of workshops and networking opportunities.

FMU Reference Librarian Nathan Flowers continues to serve as the chairman of SCLA's Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Davis

The South Carolina State Library is a national model for innovation, collaboration, leadership and effectiveness. It is the keystone in South Carolina's intellectual landscape.

FMU's Rogers Library assists the pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning by providing the FMU community of students, faculty, staff and regional citizens with access to scholarly information and other resources.



Sims

Foundation Board seats six new members



Frank J. "Buddy" Brand II, Mark Buyck Jr., Melody Birmingham-Byrd, Sarah M. Caggiano and Jane P. Huggins all of Florence and L. Franklin Elmore of Greenville have been elected to the Francis Marion University Foundation Board.

Brand, Buyck, Caggiano, Huggins and Elmore began their initial three-year term July 1, while Birmingham-Byrd began her term Sept. 2009. Board members may be elected to subsequent terms.

"These are excellent people who are also strong leaders in the community," said Reamer B. King, chairman of the FMU Foundation Board. "They have highly successful business careers and have received well-deserved recognition for their support of numerous philanthropies. Each brings the vision, experience and clear commitment to the mission of moving the University forward in exciting ways."

Brand is a native of Florence and a graduate of The Citadel. He is employed with Stifel Nicolaus, an investment firm based in Florence. He is an active member of the Florence community, serving as the chairman of the Board of the United Way and Choices school. He also serves as a director on the board of the Boys and Girls Club, the Florence Downtown Development Board, the Florence County Economic Development Board, and the community advisory board of the Junior League of Florence. In addition, Brand serves his community as a Florence City Councilman.

A St. Matthews native and longtime Florence resident, Buyck is a senior partner and chairman of Florence's oldest law firm, Willcox Buyck & Williams P.A., founded in 1895. Buyck serves on the Board of Trustees for the University of South Carolina ('56, '59 law), the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation and the Board of Directors of Carolinas Hospital System, the Bank of Clarendon and IRIX Pharmaceuticals Inc. He is one of the founders of the S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Association and has been named one of the "Best Lawyers in America" by *U.S. News & World Report* for each of the past 10 years. He also is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the National College of Trial Lawyers, the 4th Circuit Judicial Conference and the American District Attorney's Association.

Birmingham-Byrd is vice president of Progress Energy's southern region. She has been with Progress Energy since 2004. Previously, she served as general manager of operations

for the region, director of Distribution Resource Management and Construction for Progress Energy Carolinas and as manager of Transmission Maintenance Resource Management. She earned a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership and management from Purdue University and a master's degree in business administration from Strayer University.

Caggiano is plant manager for the Southeastern Distribution Center of Johnson Controls Inc., a company expected to bring 250 new jobs to Florence County. The company already provides more than 1,000 jobs in the region. Caggiano is aggressively involved in the community serving as a member of the Greater Florence, South Carolina and Marion chambers and United Way. She also participates in the S.C. Women's Network, CampSuccess, Adopt a Beach and numerous other activities throughout the Pee Dee and Grand Strand regions.

Huggins is the owner of Sadisco, a private auction company with 24 locations throughout the Southeast. She serves on the Board of Directors at All Saints' Episcopal Day School and the Wachovia Advisory Board. She is a past member of the Trinity Collegiate School Board. Huggins is a McLeod Fellow, McLeod Angel and is actively involved with the Women in Philanthropy organization.

Elmore is cofounder of Elmore & Wall P.A., a law firm with offices in Charleston, Greenville and Raleigh, N.C. Elmore earned a bachelor's degree at FMU in 1973, a law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1976 and he was admitted to the state bar in 1976. He is a member of the American Bar Association and in 1983 was recognized as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America. He was the recipient of FMU's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996 and received the 2001 award from the Carolinas AGC for outstanding individual contribution.

The Francis Marion University Foundation was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund that would promote the educational purpose and welfare of FMU.

The FMU Foundation is governed by an independent volunteer board of directors, with additional honorary and ex-officio directors, including the president of the University and other key administrators.

PSARAS establishes endowed chair in leadership at FMU

A \$100,000 gift from the PSARAS Foundation to Francis Marion University was used to create an endowed chair in leadership.

FMU President Luther F. Carter requested that the FMU Foundation designate the James Konduros Endowed Chair in Leadership a permanent award to be occupied by the University provost and that FMU Provost Richard Chapman be the inaugural chair holder.

“The Foundation’s gift will duly honor the exceptional talents of one of the hardest working and most dedicated provosts in the state – Dr. Richard Chapman,” Carter told University trustees at a recent board meeting.

This chair honors the leadership legacy of Konduros, chairman of the PSARAS Foundation board of directors, who recently announced his retirement.

“Over the years, Jim Konduros and the PSARAS Foundation have been loyal and generous supporters of Francis Marion University. Jim has always been attuned to the needs of our students and faculty, and visionary about the ways that scholarly inquiry can improve the quality of life in this state,” said Carter. “This endowment is a fitting tribute to his dedication and service to South Carolina and its citizenry.”

A native of Anderson, Konduros is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned a law degree in

1954. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he joined the staff of the late U.S. Senator Olin D. Johnson as legislative assistant in 1961. Upon leaving the senator’s office, he served three years on IBM’s regional staff in Washington, D.C. Returning to South Carolina in 1966, he served under Gov. McNair as the first director of the state’s Appalachian program. In 1967, the governor appointed him as executive assistant, responsible for the coordination of state and federal programs in the executive agencies of state government.

In 1971, Konduros became a founding member of the McNair Law Firm. Konduros has received the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest recognition for distinguished public service. He also served on the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, representing Congressional District 2. Konduros was founding director and chairman of the board of directors of the PSARAS Foundation and the PSARAS Fund, respectively. He served on the board of the Learning Channel and the American Community Service Network.

The grant to establish the Konduros Chair at FMU is part of a \$2 million gift from the PSARAS Foundation that will be used to create a donor advised fund. The funds will be administered by the FMU Foundation which will distribute grants during the next 10 years.

King scholarships to assist students in need

Many high school seniors cannot afford the pursuit of a baccalaureate degree in spite of being academically prepared. More than 80 percent of the students at FMU require some form of financial assistance. For this reason, the University established a grant program to fund 50 scholarships providing full tuition and fees for incoming freshmen residing in the Pee Dee.

It is quite fitting that this scholarship fund is named in honor of one of the Pee Dee’s native sons. Reamer King has dedicated his life, personally and professionally, investing in the citizens of the region through his civic involvement, philanthropic efforts, and community leadership. One of his endearing legacies will be the unwavering passion and desire to assist people in need.

He leads by example through service to the University and understands the importance of access to education to ensure a person’s ability to be successful in life. He has been a member of the FMU Education Foundation board of directors since 2004 and assumed the position of chairman in 2008. Along



King talks to current FMU students.

with his brother Heyward, they endowed the King Scholarship in 2003 to pay tribute to their parents; just one example of his commitment to FMU.

Please consider providing support for the Reamer King Scholarship Program. By doing so, you will help deserving students from the Pee Dee secure their educational future.

Contributions can be made to this or any scholarship funds at any time. Make checks payable to the FMU Foundation, P.O. Box 100547, Florence, S.C. 29502.

Alumni office connects

I enjoy looking back on the various ways Francis Marion has grown and how our University continues to serve our region so well. After two degrees and having served as a staff member for the past five years, I understand more about what it takes to support the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who enjoy experiencing the University’s threefold mission on a daily basis; “to provide students with an excellent education, stimulate inquiry and research, and serve the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.”

As the director of alumni affairs and annual giving since 2009, I have seen firsthand how willing our alumni are in promoting the University’s mission by being ambassadors in their various communities where they live and work. Both on and off campus, alumni are volunteering in greater numbers and becoming donors by funding scholarships and other programs. It is a privilege to see such passion and loyalty on a daily basis as members of the alumni association board of directors and student alumni association serve FMU and the community.

Here are some updates from the past year from the alumni office.

- After a planning retreat in September, the alumni association board of directors is working to find ways of engaging more alumni through class or regional events and increased donor participation. Your 2010-2011 officers are: Paul Seward ’94, president; James Harrell ’85, vice president; LaTasha Brand ’02, secretary. New board members in the class of 2013 include Eric Belk ’99, Chasity Charles ’02 (2nd term), Kenny Eisiminger ’87 (2nd term), Kevin Gause ’00, Toney Graham III ’99, Corey Grant ’00 (2nd term), Shana Lee ’07, Tracy Meetze ’98, ’01, and John Turner ’00.
- Forty alumni baseball players joined the baseball staff on October 1-3 for a weekend of golf and fellowship. The group enjoyed dinner on Friday evening, then a day of golf at the Country Club of South Carolina ending with an awards dinner. On Sunday, the current FMU baseball players played alumni.
- Twenty-five FMU graduates employed by ADP had lunch at work as owner-graduates Tim Norwood and Jim Brown hosted a Patriot Power Lunch with Alumni Affairs on October 20.
- On October 5, the Student Alumni Association conducted its first induction ceremony where 63 students received their certificates of membership and signed the official FMU SAA register. SAA members must now maintain a 2.5 GPA and participate in eight hours of community service per semester. The first pinning ceremony for graduating SAA members who have remained in good standing for at least one academic year will be held in the spring of 2011.
- Homecoming week is set for February 21-26, 2011.

If you would like additional information about membership in the Alumni Association, serving on the board of directors, volunteering at regional and class events, or would like to host an event at your home or business, please contact me at 843-661-1228 or jyoung@fmarion.edu. The Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving office is located in the Education Foundation Building in room 103.



Young

Julian Young
Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving

Vinson, Taylor receive biology awards

Ruth Taylor '89, '93, chemistry and environmental science teacher at Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology, and Jerry D. Vinson Jr., '81, Florence County Family Court Judge, have been honored by the Francis Marion University Department of Biology with outstanding alumni awards.

Vinson received the John S. Boyce Award, while Taylor was presented the Lawrence Swails Award. These distinguished



Taylor and Vinson at the awards reception

alumni awards, named after the Biology Department's first two chairpersons, were presented during a reception Oct. 19. This is the fifth year the Biology Department has recognized outstanding graduates of the biology program.

A Camden native, Vinson grew up in Florence where he attended public schools. He graduated from Francis Marion

College (cum laude), with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He received his juris doctor degree in 1985 from the University of South Carolina's School of Law and was admitted to practice law the same year.

Following law school, he served as a law clerk to the Circuit Court Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit John H. Waller Jr. After completing his clerkship, he joined the firm of Turner, Padgett, Graham and Laney P.A. and later practiced law with his wife, Flo Lester Vinson, in The Vinson Law Firm P.A. Vinson merged his practice with the law firm of McDougall & Self L.L.P., where he practiced until his election to the bench in 2004.

Vinson has been active with FMU serving as president of the Alumni Association as well as a member of the board of directors of the Education Foundation.

Taylor was reared in Florence, graduating from Wilson High School. She received bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry and the M.Ed. in science from FMU. She is a National Board Certified instructor of chemistry. In her 20 years in the profession she has taught chemistry I and II and ecology.

She was Darlington County School District's Teacher of the Year for 2004 and South Carolina's Honor Roll Teacher for 2004. For her hard work and dedication to her profession, Taylor was named the Project Learning Tree Teacher of the Year and the South Carolina Academy of Science Teacher of the Year. She serves on the board of directors for the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement.

Her teaching style begins with parental involvement, and her greatest accomplishments have come through collaborating with other faculty and community members. Because she learns best using her hands to manipulate items, that's how she teaches. Through her "out-of-the-box" classroom approach, even students who identified themselves as "not good at science" have been surprised to enjoy and even understand difficult topics.

Hendley receives psychology award

Viola Hendley '80, '84, itinerant teacher for autism in Richland One Schools, has been honored by the Francis Marion University Department of Psychology with an outstanding alumni award for 2010-11.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology in 1980 and an M.Ed. in 1984 both from FMU.

National Board Certified, Hendley has been in the field of education for nearly 32 years, 30 of which have been with Richland One School District. She coordinates and leads student-centered Individualized Education Planning for 30 students at four different schools ranging from elementary to high. Hendley has worked directly with students with autism, their families and private providers, including health care providers and educational support staff.

A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Hendley has worked collaboratively with parents and professionals to develop educational programs for students with disabilities that ensure a free appropriate education is provided to each student.

Hendley is married to Scott Hendley and has one child, Beth Nichols Levy.



Hendley receives award from Hester.

Glusko named women's basketball coach

Francis Marion University Athletic Director Murray Hartzler announced the hiring of Kate Glusko as the University's new head coach for women's basketball. The announcement was made at a news conference at The Cottage on the FMU campus.

Glusko, 25, replaces Heather Macy, who left FMU to accept the head coaching position at East Carolina University after three seasons on the Patriot bench. Glusko becomes the 11th head coach in the storied history of the Francis Marion program, and the youngest new coach since Sylvia Rhyne Hatchell took over the coaching reigns as a 23 year old in 1975.

The State College, Pa., native comes to Francis Marion after two seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Gannon University in Erie, Pa. This past season, the Lady Knights were 37-1, advanced to the NCAA Division II Final Four, and ended the year ranked second in the national Top 25 poll. The 37 victories set a Division II record for wins in a season and most consecutive wins (37) in a single season. Gannon also won the PSAC championship and was ranked No. 1 for six weeks.

In 2008-09, Gannon was 26-5, advanced to the round of Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA Tournament, was ranked 20th in the final Top 25 poll, and was 12th in the WBCA Top 25 Honor Roll with a 3.497 team grade point average.

Prior to joining the Lady Knights' staff, Glusko served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Concord University for two seasons. Concord posted records of 20-9 in 2007-08 and 21-9 in 2006-07, the first time the program registered back-to-back 20-win seasons.

During her four seasons as an assistant coach, she helped develop two All-Americans, 14 All-Conference selections, and seven players who reached the 1,000-point plateau. Her teams posted a combined 104-24 record.

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Glusko to Florence and the FMU campus. Her hiring is the culmination of a search that included a highly qualified list of candidates. She is a rising star in the coaching profession, and she exhibits all the characteristics we were looking for," Hartzler said.

"This program has a rich tradition on the national stage. My goal is to build on the foundation that Heather Macy and past coaching greats have built – to continue to field a Top-25 program that contends for the national championship. The women's basketball program has experienced tremendous support through the past few seasons, from the president, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Florence community. I look forward to cultivating this aspect even deeper as we enter the 2010-11 campaign," Glusko said.



Murray Hartzler (right) welcomes Kate Glusko to FMU.

Glusko is a 2006 graduate of West Virginia University, where she earned the Bachelor of Business Administration degree in management (cum laude). As a 5-10 guard, she played on the 2003-04 WVU squad that was 21-11 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament and the 2004-05 team that was 21-13 and appeared in the championship game of the WNIT. She suffered season-ending injuries as a freshman and senior. In the classroom, Glusko was a two-time Big East Academic All-Star and a four-time WVU Athletic Director honor roll member.

She later earned the Master of Education degree in behavioral science while at Concord.

She is a product of State College (Pa.) High School, where she was a two-time All-State performer. She set the school's all-time scoring record with 1,630 points, while scoring in double figures 60 consecutive games and leading the Lady Little Lions to an 85-22 record and four straight appearances in the Pennsylvania State Quad-A Championships. Glusko is also a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

The Francis Marion program has an all-time record of 750-354 in 37 seasons. The Patriots have captured two national championships, the 1982 AIAW Division II title and the 1986 NAIA title, and also advanced to the 1998 NCAA Division II Final Four. The program made five straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances between 1997 and 2001, in addition to appearances each of the past three seasons.

Francis Marion lost five seniors from this past season's 27-5 squad, ended the year ranked 20th nationally, and made the program's third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. The Patriots were 16-2 in Peach Belt Conference play, placing second in the East Division standings.

Pearl Moore selected for Basketball Hall of Fame

The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn., has announced its class of 2011 inductees, a group that includes 1979 Francis Marion University graduate Pearl Moore.

The official 2011 induction ceremony will be announced at a later date. Also among the 2011 class are Val Ackerman (contributor), Ruthie Bolton (player), Vicky Bullett (player), Muffet McGraw (coach), and Lometa Odom (player). This brings to 121 the number of members in the Hall of Fame.

Moore becomes the third person with ties to the Francis Marion athletic department to be inducted into a national Hall of Fame.

She joins former baseball coach Gerald Griffin (NAIA Hall of Fame) and former women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell (Women's Basketball Hall of Fame).

Moore, a native of Florence and a graduate of Wilson High School, is the all-time career-scoring leader for women's college

basketball. Between 1975 and 1979, the four-time All-American scored 4,061 points. For 11 years, she held the scoring record for both men and women.

Moore started her collegiate career at Anderson Junior College in the fall of 1975. After one semester at Anderson (eight games and 177 points), she transferred to Francis Marion. Fortunately, the Patriots did not open their cage season until after the first of the year, and thus Moore played the entire 1975-76 Francis Marion schedule. At that time under Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) rules, a player could transfer and be eligible immediately.

The 5-7 guard-forward went on to score 3,884 points in a Patriot uniform. Her career point total includes the points scored at Anderson, because at that time in women's basketball, two- and four-year schools regularly competed against each other and all results counted.

During her junior year, she scored a then single-game record 60 points in a 114-71 victory over Eastern Washington State College in the 1978 AIAW Small College National Tournament. In her final collegiate game, March 10, 1979, in an AIAW Small College Regional Tournament consolation game against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, she scored 42 points to break the previous all-time record of 4,045 set by Travis Grant of Kentucky State University.

Moore averaged 30.6 points per game over her four seasons (127 games) at Francis Marion, and helped lead head coach Sylvia Hatchell's program to an 85-42 record and three national tournament appearances. She scored below 20 points only 18 times in her Francis Marion career, and reached the 50-point mark on three occasions. She scored 1,109 points in her junior year alone.

In addition to her point total, recorded in an era that did not have the three-point field goal, Moore grabbed 1,270 rebounds and shot 45.9 percent from the field and a then school-record 70.0 percent from the free-throw line.

Following her career at Francis Marion, Moore went on to play two seasons in the Women's Pro Basketball League (1979-80 with the New York Stars and 1980-81 with the St. Louis Streak), earning All-Star status in 1981, and one season in Venezuela.

She still resides in Florence, participates in FMU's annual Old Timers' Game, and conducts a summer basketball camp.

Moore was one of the first inductees into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. In 2000, she was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2006 was among the inaugural class for the Florence Area Athletic Hall of Fame.

During the summer of 1996, several items from Moore's playing days were sent to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., for inclusion in the Women's Basketball Exhibit Area.



Moore



Moore in 1977

Patriot Softball holds adoption ceremony



The newest member of the Francis Marion University softball squad need not stroke a line drive or make a diving catch to contribute, but needs to just keep smiling. During an adoption ceremony on Oct. 2, the Patriots introduced Saharah, a seven old year from Chesterfield, as the newest member of the squad.

Saharah and the Patriots were paired by the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation (FOJ). Formed in 2005, FOJ is a nonprofit, charitable organization that improves the quality of life for children with pediatric brain tumors and their families.

Saharah was born 16 weeks early and spent over four months in NICU. She underwent surgery in 2008 for a Grade 1 Pilocytic Astrocytoma tumor. She still battles medical issues that may be related to her premature birth and/or the tumor and related surgeries.

Saturday's adoption ceremony, held prior to the softball squad's annual fall alumni game, included several statements read by Patriot players as well as an introduction by Saharah's mother Somer. Saharah was presented with gifts including team shirts, a batting tee, bat, and a pink batting helmet and ball. She was also given a bat salute and tunnel to run through, and she threw out the ceremonial first pitch prior to the game.

"To be a part of this organization is something that our girls will never forget, and hopefully something Saharah will always remember," said FMU seventh-year head coach Stacey Vallee. "Saharah has already brought us so much for the short time she has been a part of our Patriot softball family. We are excited to make it official and we hope she will be a part of us for years to come!"

"We love having her come out to practice and games, seeing her hit off the tee, wear a softball helmet, and just run around and be a kid"

The Foundation was inspired by Jaclyn Murphy, who was diagnosed with a medulloblastoma, a malignant brain tumor, in March 2004 when she was nine years old. Jaclyn's strength and courage, relentless spirit, and joy for life are an inspiration to those who know her. Jaclyn's wish is "for all the children in the hospitals to be healed."

Through a due diligence process, FOJ matches a child in need of love, support and friendship with a college or high school sports team based on geographic basis.

After the adoption is completed, the child becomes an extension of the team where a unique bond is formed between the team members, the child and the family. The result of the FOJ adoption is the child feels involved and each individual team member gains insight into the value of helping others. Additionally, FOJ has seen this relationship forge a closer bond among team members magnifying the importance of a team operating as a single unit.

Through the adoption relationship, the child is involved in the team through text messaging, emails, phone calls, facebook and twitter postings.

FOJ has completed over 230 adoptions in over 20 different sports. Currently there are over 1,000 schools on a waiting list as FOJ grows from a small organization into a larger one.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Francis Marion completed its regular season with a 15-15 overall record. The Patriots played in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament on Nov. 12 in Savannah, Ga. During the season, FMU held its annual Dig Pink match to raise funds for and promote awareness of breast cancer.



MEN'S SOCCER

The Patriots concluded their 2010 season with a 7-10-1 record. Five of the team's defeats were by one goal, and three losses were to nationally ranked opponents. Senior goalkeeper Clark Richeson set a school record for shutouts in a career (17), while freshman Alex Blandin led the Patriots with five goals scored and earned All-PBC honors. Senior Ivan Juric was named to the PBC Men's Soccer All-Academic Team. During the season, FMU held its annual Passionately Pink for the Cure match to raise funds for and promote awareness of breast cancer.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

FMU ended the season with a 3-13-2 record. The young Patriot squad started as many as six freshmen at different times during the season. Four of the team's losses were by one goal, including a 1-0 home decision to regional power Charlotte. Freshman Yasmin Bunter led FMU with five goals scored.



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The men's cross country team finished eighth at the 2010 Peach Belt Conference Championships on Nov. 5. Sophomore Ian Wallace recorded a personal-best time for 8,000 meters to lead the Patriots. Francis Marion competed in the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Meet on Nov. 20 in Charlotte.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team placed 10th at the PBC Championship Meet on Nov. 5. Freshman LaMeisha Jackson registered a personal-best time for 6,000 meters to lead the squad. Junior Samantha Smith was selected to the PBC Women's Cross Country All-Academic Team (honorable mention).



HOOPS

The Francis Marion women were picked to finish third according to the annual Peach Belt preseason coaches' poll, while Patriot men were tabbed to finish eighth.



GOLF

The Patriots traveled to the Big 5 Tournament in Philadelphia among its five fall events, and hosted the annual Springhill Suites Intercollegiate Tournament at the Country Club of South Carolina.



SOFTBALL

Six members of last year's FMU women's softball team received NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete recognition, while the team earned Girls Got Game/NFCA All-Academic Team recognition for the fifth consecutive year. The six players who earned individual recognition were infielder Kat Beauvais, outfielder Tristan Faile, catcher Olivia Ferguson, and pitchers Emily Dean, Cea Knox, and Michaela Wolf.

TENNIS

The FMU men's and women's tennis teams served as host for the 2010 USTA/ITA Southeast Regional Tournament at the Palmetto Tennis Center in Sumter. FMU senior Oshada Wijemanne reached the championship match of the men's singles flight.

1973

Debbie Youman '73, '92 was awarded the 2010 Palmetto Gold Award in Nursing for McLeod Health during National Nurses Week in May.

1974

Sharon Moore Askins '74, '76 was promoted to associate professor at FMU for fall 2010.

1977

Robert Hyman '77 was inducted into the International Honor Society in Business, Beta Gamma Sigma.

Rainey H. Knight '77 superintendent of Darlington County School District, has been elected to the Coker College Board of Trustees.

1978



Norwood (left) receives award

Tim Norwood '78 was named the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year for 2010.

Cheryl Stubbs '78 was named Teacher of the Year for Latta Middle School.

1979

Ed Clements '79 won re-election for a fourth term as the 12th Circuit Solicitor (Florence and Marion counties). Clements was first elected in 1998.

Pearl Moore '79 was inducted into the National Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn.



Clements

1980

D. Seldon Buck '80, '84 has been named the new administrator for Pleasant View Christian School in Pleasant View, Tenn.

Vi K. Hendley '80, '84 won the Outstanding Psychology Award for 2010.

1981

Jerry "Jay" Vinson '81 won the Jack Boyce Award in Biology in October 2010.

1982

Linda B. Huell '82 retires after a 29 year career in Williamsburg County Schools.

Debbie Hyler '82 was honored by the Tribute to Women & Industry for 2010-2011.

Mary Kleinknecht's '82 son Barrett Kleinknecht, was signed by the Atlanta Braves. Barrett also played for the FMU Patriots.

1984

Rudy Dean '84 is proud to announce the birth of his granddaughter McKenzie Elaine Armentrout born Aug. 25, 2010.



Armentrout

1985

Michael Blue '85 was appointed to the S.C. Board of Education, representing the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. He is pastor of The Door of Hope Christian Church and is a Bishop in the Christian Covenant Fellowship of Ministries.



Blue

1987

Annie Brown '87, '95 has been named to the United Way Board of Directors for Florence County.

Allen Jones'

'87 book titled "Social Mobility in Late Antique Gaul" has been published by Cambridge Press. Allen is a professor at Troy University.

Johnette Pope

McCutchen

'87, '98, art teacher at Johnsonville Middle School, earned her National Board Certification.



Jones

1988

Perry Grice '88, '96 was promoted to deposit/marketing officer for Anderson Brothers Bank.

Stephanie Johnson '88 was named Teacher of the Year for Latta Elementary School.

Debbie Pollock-Berry '88 was promoted to VP Human Resources & Chief People Officer at North American Energy Alliance. Debbie lives in Virginia with her family.



Gasque, Wiggins '88, Stubbs '78 and Johnson '88.

Dana Wiggins '88 was named Teacher of the Year for Latta Early Childhood Center.

1989

Dan Matthews '89 was named Lugoff-Elgin Middle School Principal for 2010-2011.

Ruth F. Taylor '89, '93 won the Lawrence Swails Award in Biology.

1992

Tracy Freeman '92 was elected to the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees.

Jessica Ard Harrelson, '92 librarian at Johnsonville Elementary School, has been named Teacher of the Year for Florence County District Five Schools.



Freeman

Gwen Lowery '92 was awarded the Palmetto Gold Award in Nursing for McLeod Health Oncology during National Nurses Week in May.

1994

Martha Adams '94 was awarded the Palmetto Gold Award in Nursing for McLeod Health Oncology during National Nurses Week in May.

Dianna P. Brown '94 joined Williamsburg Academy as director of technology.

Eric Gagnon, '94 a business broker in Atlanta, has been named to the Million Dollar Club.

Karen Long '94 has been named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at Brunson-Dargan Elementary School.

Paul Seward '94 has been named chairman of the Florence County Disabilities Foundation. His term runs 2010-2012.

1995

Patricia Harper '95 received the LPN of the Year Award from McLeod Health.

1996

Brandi Cook '96, '02 earned the 2010 James Madison Fellowship Award.

Wilson elected Attorney General



Wilson

Alan Wilson '97, was elected South Carolina Attorney General in the November general election. Wilson, who graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law, will take office in January. Wilson is the first FMU graduate to be elected to statewide office in South Carolina.

1997

Robert Smalls '97 is the new principal of Creek Bridge High School in Marion School District Seven.

Robert Smalls '97 and Kimberly Green '98, '04 were married on June 8, 2010.

Brandy D. Weaver '97, '00 has been named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at Cain Elementary School.



Smalls

1998

Larry Falck '98, '07, '10 was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society.

Carol L. Freeman '98 has been named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at North Hartsville Elementary School.



Mr. & Mrs. Dupree

Ernestine McNair '98 and **James Dupree '05** were married Aug. 28, 2010. **Darenda F. Rabon '98** has received a Ph.D. in Education from NOVA Southeastern University. **Leslie H. Starling '98** has been named as the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School.

1999

Jonathan Richardson '99 has been named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at the Darlington County Intervention School.

2000

Michael Jordan '00 has been appointed to lead the Social Media Team for the Brandon Agency. **Robert Travis McCutchen '00** and **Laura Lindsey Webb** were married June 26, 2010. **James Rand '00, '04** won the Patient Choice Award at Carolinas Hospital Systems in May 2010.



Jordan

Jessica Smith '00 and **Herbert Wingate** married in April.

Michelle Turner '00 has been named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at Brockington Elementary Magnet School.

2001

Michael P. Beckham '01 joined FMU in October as a Campus Police Officer.

Ginger M. Chaffinch '01 has been promoted to assistant athletic director of Georgia College & State University.

Toby Nelson, '01 a Carnegie Mellon University postdoctoral research associate, has received two postdoctoral fellowships to support his research on designing plastics. Nelson is also the recipient of a Ford Foundation Fellowship and a United Negro College Fund/Merck Postdoctoral Science Research Fellowship.

Ann M. Taylor '01 has been appointed to serve as a member of the S.C. Education Oversight Committee.

Pamela Turner '01 joined FMU in August as an instructor of accounting.

Heather Williamson '01 received the RN of the Year Award from McLeod Health.

2002

Chasity Charles '02 has been promoted to store manager of Wachovia Bank in Florence.

Michael C. O'Donnell '02, '04 and **Claire Denise Woodward** were married July 24, 2010.

LaSonya Reaves '02 Marion County School District Seven's Teacher of the Year for 2010, was recently honored with a party sponsored by Bojangles as a part of the South Carolina Future Minds program.

Carmisha V. Robinson '02 and **Lorenzo P. Thacker** were married Mar. 22, 2010.

Eddie Thomas '02 has been promoted in the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington D.C. He will be a management analyst within the National Center for Veterans Statistics and Analysis.

Farrah Woodberry '02 has been named this year's Marion County School District Seven Teacher of the Year.

2003

Stacey Elizabeth Erwin '03 and **Anthony Elisha Creech** were married May 15, 2010.

Nathan Flowers '03 was promoted to assistant professor for fall 2010 at FMU.



Mrs. Koon

Merideth Grooms '03 and **Justin Thomas Koon** were married May 15, 2010.

Elizabeth Pope '03 was recently named Teacher of the Year at Johnsonville Middle School.

2004

Austin Brown '04 and wife **Amy** have their first child **Harper Grace**, born in July 2010.

Linward C. Edwards Jr '04, graduated on May 8 from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law.

Kristin Griebe '04 and **Charles Eric Dobes** were married on Oct. 10, 2009.

J. Greg Hendrick '04 has been named a partner at Finklea Law Firm in Florence.

Anna Kathryn Pitts '04 and **Brandon D. Fox** married June 26, 2010.

2005

Charles L. Edwards '05 graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2010.



Mrs. Fox

Grant Stone Lyerly '05, '07 and **Magan Bishop '07** were married May 22, 2010.

Stephani Taylor '05 & **Aaron Douglas Miles** of Marion married June 27, 2009.

Merdell Nesbit '05 has been named Teacher of the Year for Creek Bridge High School.

Frankie E'Jay Washington '05 and **Zenobia Yvette Choice '06** married on Sept. 5, 2009.

Thomas Welch '05 joined Francis Marion University in August as the associate director of financial services and auxiliary operations.

2006

Crystal Edwards '06 completed the Registered ParaplannerSM or RP Professional Designation Program in June 2010.

Randi Eitzman '06 graduated from basic training in the Air National Guard as an Airman.



Eitzman

Michael Gaines '06 joined FDTC as a programmer for the Information Technology Department.

Laura Beth Middleton '06 married **William Edward Hunt** in December 2009.

Jamie Wiggins '06 and **Corey James Craig** of Conway were married on June 5, 2010.

2007

Tatjana Slawson '07 has been named USC Salkehatchie Head Women's Softball Coach.

Jennifer Lynn Smith '07 and **Bain Edward Chandler** were married on Oct. 17, 2009.

John R. Smith '07 as been hired to work at KRQE News 13 in Albuquerque, N.M., in August 2010 as meteorologist.

2008

Ryan David Ariail '08 and **Annette Carter Patterson** were married June 19, 2010.



Mrs. Lyerly

Justin Greene '08 was named to the Carolina All-Star game as rosters were announced Thursday. Greene was one of a record seven members from the Winston-Salem Dash, a Class A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, to be named to the squad.

Natalie S. Mahaffey '08 joined FMU in August as an instructor of English.

Debbie G. Odom '08 has been named the 2010-11 Teacher of the Year at Carolina Elementary School.

William Adam Tyner '08 and **Ashley Elizabeth Reeves** were married May 1, 2010.

2009

Matthew Baker '09 is the new audio visual technician for the online college at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Heidi Dumm '09 is this year's recipient of the Joseph G. Sylvester Award for Nursing at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Dr. William Boulware, McLeod Chief of Staff and Mrs. Barbara T. Sylvester presented the award.



From left; Boulware, Dumm and Sylvester

Ashley Anne Gedris '09 and **Tex Allen Taylor II** were married June 5, 2010.

Wesley Jones '09 has joined ArborOne Farm Credit's Core Credit Team as title loan processor.

Matt Kimery '09 has joined ArborOne Farm Credit's Core Credit Team as title loan processor.

Jamie Lee Lehr '09 and **Colton Jack Cauthen** were married on July 10, 2010.

Matthew McColl '09 is working in the Office of Public and Community Affairs at FMU, fulfilling a practicum for his Master of Mass Communication at USC.

Ryan Melton '09 is the project coordinator for the Tennis Industry Association in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Matthew H. Owens '09 and **Nicole M. Crider** were married July 17, 2010.

Mollie Soto '09 has been named as a 2010-11 Honor Roll Teacher for the Darlington County School District.

Ashley G. Taylor '09 has been named the Darlington County School District's 2010-11 Teacher of the Year as well as West Hartsville Elementary School's 2010-11 Teacher of the Year.

2010

Mary Katherine Blizzard '10 and **Matthew Ward** were married May 22, 2010.



Mrs. Ward

Paul "Bear" Cheezem Jr. '10 & **Elizabeth Ashley Collier '10** were married April 30, 2010.



Mrs. Cheezem

Greg Collins '10 was commissioned in the U.S. Army at FMU three days after graduating.



Collins

Andrew Golden '10 was hired as a staff writer for the *Marion Star & Mullins Enterprise*.

Antwan Jacobs '10 joined FMU as a Student Services Counselor for Admissions October 4.

Robbie Robinson '10 has entered the Peace Corps.

Erik Sommerville '10 was signed by the Southern Illinois Miners Baseball.

Monica Toole '10 was commissioned in the U.S. Army at FMU three days after graduating.



Toole

Kim Turner '10 is working as an adjunct professor of English at Florence Darlington Technical College.

Stephen T. Turner '10 and **Marjorie Lazette Reynolds** were married Aug. 7, 2010.

King Walsh '10 is working in the marketing department of NextMedia Radio Group in Myrtle Beach.



Kim Turner

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Riley was commencement speaker.

A native of Charleston, Riley was first elected mayor in December 1975 and is serving an unprecedented ninth term. Under his leadership, Charleston has increased its commitment to racial harmony and progress, achieved a substantial decrease in crime, experienced a remarkable revitalization of its historic downtown business district, developed nationally acclaimed affordable housing, and experienced unprecedented growth in Charleston's size and population. Riley has held numerous national leadership positions and received many awards and distinctions.

A St. Matthews native and longtime Florence resident, Buyck is a senior partner and chairman of Florence's oldest law firm, Willcox Buyck & Williams P.A., founded in 1895. Buyck has a long career of involvement with efforts to improve the quality of life and standard of living in Florence.



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He has received numerous awards for his contributions to the character and quality of the legal profession as well.

Blue was born in North Carolina and was reared in Sellers. He is the founding pastor of The Door of Hope Christian Church in Marion and is the founding prelate of the Christian Covenant of Ministries consisting of churches in South Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He is also an English teacher at Marion High School, a position he has held for more than 20 years. A nationally acclaimed vocalist and composer, Blue is spreading the Kingdom message throughout the Pee Dee region and beyond.